undertakes import/export of these products from time-to-time depending upon the market opportunities and commercial viability either directly or for associates. The value of trade done by MMTC Ltd. in agricultural commodities during the years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 (upto Feb.' 07) was Rs. 389.35 crores, Rs. 272.50 crores and Rs. 410.20 crores (Prov.) respectively.

MMTC is one of the canalising egencies nominated by the Government of India for import of urea, DAP and MOP to meet domestic requirements of the agriculture sector.

Acquisition of agricultural land for SEZ in Raigad

1671. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the status of agricultural land being acquired for SEZ in the Raigad district of Maharashtra;

(b) whether the land given to top defence personnel for gallentry is also being acquired; and

(c) whether there is a proposal to give alternate land to the agriculturists, in Dhulia district of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) As per the information made available by the Government of Maharashtra based on a Socio Economic Survey, the land under acquisition for Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Raigad District is non-irrigated single crop saline land.

(b) and (c) One representative in this regard has been received. However, the Land is a State subject. Land is acquired by the State Governments, under the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, for various purposes including SEZs. Each State has its own relief and rehabilitation policy which applies to all land acquisitions by the concerned State.